SUBJECT No. 89.

Empowering Amildars to dispose of building sites at upset price.

Mr. Dhalappa, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Amildars may be empowered to dispose of building sites for upset prices.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 90.

House tax on tiled houses constructed in place of thatched ones in villages not to be increased for sometime.

Mr. Puttanarasiah, Bangalore taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 91.

Recruitment of persons to Amildari Service.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The previous practice for the recruitment of persons to Amildari service may be revived.

The Dewan drew the attention of the member to the reply given last year.

The member then stated that greater scope might be given to the officials of the Revenue Department in the selection of candidates for Amildari.

Reply of Government.—The revision of the rules on the subject is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Mohatarfa cart tax.

Mr. Hutchaveere Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

Note.—Discussed with Subject No. 60.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Formation of cart-tracks in cultivated areas.

Messrs. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur municipality, and Sura Sastri, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Great difficulty is experienced in taking manure, etc., to the fields and bringing back the produce of lands for want of proper cart-tracks and in some cases great difficulty is felt even in taking ploughing bullocks to the fields. Cart-tracks may therefore be made in all cultivated areas wherever possible on Japanese model.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao said that the raiyats would lay out the roads if Government acquired for them the land required for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—Wherever difficulties are felt, if three-fourths of the raiyats over whose lands the track is proposed to be laid out, agree and apply to Government, all reasonable facilities for forming the track will be afforded.

FORESTS.

(*Nos. 94—103.*)

SUBJECT No. 94.

Free grant of licenses for removal of fuel and leaves from forests.

Messrs. Kharidi Ramanna, and Kodihalli Malliah, Kadur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In malnad parts the raiyats get their supply of firewood and leaves for manurial purposes free from *soppinabettas*, but such *bettas* do not exist in maidan parts for the convenience of the raiyats there; consequently, the raiyats in maidan parts have to obtain

them from District Forests by means of licenses issued by departmental officials. This procedure entails much hardship and delay. The patels of the maidan villages may also be authorised to grant such licenses in future.

The Conservator of Forests explained that the removal of leaves and fuel from District Forests was permitted without any license.

Reply of Government.—Existing rules provide for necessary relief. Nothing can be granted in State Forests.

SUBJECT No. 95.

Prosecutions under Forest Regulation.

Mr. K. S. Santhanam Iyengar, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Prosecutions under the Forest Regulation should not be conducted by officers who investigated the case as they would give the lie to the witnesses direct. Further, statements before Excise and Forest officers are relevant and therefore there is greater danger.

Mr. C. Subba Rao of Shimoga in supporting the proposal observed that there would be no use in cross-examining the investigating officer in such cases, if he be present in the Court when other witnesses were being examined.

Mr. Santhanam Iyengar added that as Forest officers also had some influence over the public there was danger to the latter if they themselves conducted the prosecution.

Reply of Government.—No change is called for. This involves a question of funds. Special cases will however be considered when brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Supply of building materials in cases of accidental fire.

Messrs. Krishnappa and Channabasappa Gowda, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars are empowered to grant building materials to the value of Rs. 5 free of cost to those whose houses are destroyed by accidental fire. The quantity thus granted is hardly sufficient to build a house, and if more materials are required they will have to apply to the Deputy Commissioner for sanction. Rainy season sets in before sanction is obtained and the villagers are put to much inconvenience. Amildars may be empowered to make free grants of building materials according to the requirements of each individual but not exceeding the value of Rs. 10 in each case.

Reply of Government.—The question of empowering Amildars to make free grants of building materials particularly in the Malnad tracts tentatively for a period of three years will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 97.

(*a*) Abolition of *hulbanni* in malnad parts.
(*b*) Free pasturage to cattle in assessed waste lands and in District and Reserve forests.

Mr. Nadig Bhistaiya, Narasimharajapura sub-taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.